Docket No. 211110US0DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasuhiro MIHARA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/902,693

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EXAMINER: Q. NGUYEN

FOR:

NOVEL MICROORGANISMS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING XYLITOL OR D-XYLULOSE

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

It is hereby requested that a two month extension of time be granted to April 19, 2004 for

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| filing a response to the Official Action dated: |
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| responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated: |
| filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed. |
| responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated: |
| filing a response to the Final Official Action dated November 19, 2003 . A Notice of Appeal is being filed herewith. |
| filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on: |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half. |
| e required fee of \$\frac{\$420.00}{2}\$ is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. \$\frac{15-0030}{2}\$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |

Respectfully Submitted,

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